

430 Rec'd PCT/PTO 07 MAR 2000

09/508129

■SKINNER AND ASSOCIATES

619 Second Street, Suite 201
Hudson, Wisconsin 54016 USA
Tel.: 715-386-5800
FAX: 715-386-6177
Internet Email: info@skinnerlaw.com

Joel D. Skinner, Jr.*
Marvin L. Breekman**

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
Patents-Copyrights-Trademarks

* WI and MN Bar, Reg. Patent Attorney
** MN Bar, Reg. Patent Attorney

March 7, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: US NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION UNDER THE PCT
Title: A POLE
Intl. Appl. No.: PCT/FI98/00696
Intl. Filing Date: 8 Sept. 1998
Priority Date: 8 Sept. 1997

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing as a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 are:

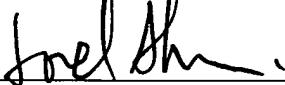
Check for at Least Basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492 (a) (3).
 Copy of the International Application (INCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT).
 Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventor(s), (Unexecuted, Late Filing Practice).
 Verified Statement of Small Entity Status (unexecuted, refund application anticipated).
 Preliminary Amendment under 37 CFR 1.115.
 Certificate of Mailing -Express (Below).
 Post Card Receipt.
 Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report (with Annexes).
 Other:

A copy of the International Application has been communicated to the USPTO by the IB.

FEE COMPUTATION		
FEE	LARGE/SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE
Basic National Fee Under 37CFR1.492(a) ()		\$485.00
Each Extra Total over 20		\$
Each Extra Independent over 3		\$
At Least One Multiple Dependent		\$
	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	\$485.00

Please charge any underpayment in the basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492 ONLY to Deposit Account No. 19-2381. A copy of this paper is enclosed. The Patent Office staff is invited to call the undersigned attorney should they have any questions about this application.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel D. Skinner, Jr., Reg. No. 33,786

Enclosures

cc: Pauli Laitinen

J:\CLIENTS\Laitinen-Finland\Pole696(Jernstrom)\000306PTO-AppFileLtr.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (IF APPLICABLE)

Express Mail No.: EL060891256US
Date of Deposit: 07 March 2000. I hereby certify that I personally deposited this paper/fee with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above.

Shannon M. Strobel

Name



Signature